FISCAL NOTE

HB 3036 - SB 3108

February 23, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates an offense for a person who knowingly obtains or attempts to obtain, or aids any person or entity to obtain by means of willfully providing false statement or any fraudulent means any child care services, or payment for child care services which are provided under any program of the Department of Human Services or the department's grantees or contractor. If the value of the service is more than \$100, the offense will be punished as a Class E felony and if under \$100, the offense will be a Class A misdemeanor. Also, the department may recover, by civil action, the value of the child care services, court costs and attorney fees.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,500/Incarceration*
Increase State Revenues - Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes one Class E felony conviction each year and recover of the value of the child care which is estimated to be not significant. Also, impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this Class A misdemeanor offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill, which is estimated to be not significant.

*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director